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City Issues Reminder to Landlords Regarding Dwelling Unit Heat Requirement

ROCKFORD, ILL. – As the warm summer days begin to fade away and cooler weather becomes a more regular occurrence, the City would like to remind those who rent or lease dwelling units to have their primary heating system checked and ensure it is operational for the tenants of those properties.

The City of Rockford has adopted the 2015 series of International Code Council (ICC) building codes which includes the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) with local amendments. Within the amendments to the 2015 IPMC, and as approved by the Rockford City Council, the dates required for heat supply are from **October 1** through **April 1**. The code requires that “Every owner and operator of any building who rents, leases or lets one or more dwelling units or sleeping units on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish heat to the occupants thereof shall supply heat during the period from October 1 to April 1 to maintain a temperature of not less than 68°F (20°C) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms and toilet rooms.”

Landlords are encouraged to have repair work done by licensed contractors to ensure safe and efficient operation and to ensure heating appliances are in good working order.

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